

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending. By this Amendment, Claims 1 and 3 are amended. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is presented herein.

Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. The amendment to Claim 3 is supported by the originally filed specification and drawing figures, such as, for example, the paragraph bridging pages 7-8 and Figure 1. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 1-8 Recite Patentable Subject Matter

Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 5,704,598 to Kojima. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claim 1 recites a liquid sealed mount device including, among other features, in which an elastic material that bridges first and second mounting members is bonded integrally with and directly contacts the first mounting member and a metallic barrel member.

Applicant respectfully submits Kojima does not disclose or suggest such a feature.

Applicant respectfully notes the Office Action asserts Kojima discloses elastic material (218) that is bonded integrally with a first mounting member (212, 214) and a metallic barrel member (220). However, as clearly shown in Figure 7, the elastic material (218) does not directly contact the first mounting member (212, 214) and the metallic barrel member (220). In fact, Applicant respectfully notes the elastic material (218) fails to contact any portion of the metallic barrel member (220).

To qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102, a single reference must teach, i.e., identically describe, each feature of a rejected claim. As explained above, Kojima does not disclose or suggest each and every feature of the invention recited by Claim 1 as Kojima fails to disclose or suggest the elastic material (218) directly contact the first mounting member (212, 214) and the metallic barrel member (220). Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits claim 1 is not anticipated by nor rendered obvious in view of Kojima. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits Claim 1 should be deemed allowable over Kojima.

Claims 2-8 depend from Claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that these seven dependent claims be deemed allowable over Kojima for at least the same reasons Claim 1 is allowable, as well as for the additional subject matter recited therein.

As such, Applicant respectfully submits the rejection should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, allowance of Claims 1-8, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing docket number 107355-00113.**

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